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In re Application of:

John H. Givens

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Abstract appear on page 10 of this paper;

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 11 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 16 of this paper.